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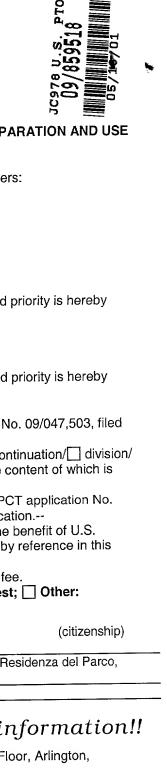
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)** WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION

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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled: EDULCORATING SOLUBLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING ALIMENTARY FIBRES, ITS PREPARATION AND USE FOR ALIMENTARY PURPOSE without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration. This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers: An abstract together with pages of specification and claims including 9 numbered claims and also attached is/are 15 sheets of accompanying drawings. 0 This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s): **Filing Date** Country Application No. respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): **Filing Date** Application No. respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby daimed therefrom. Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached. This application is a Continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/047,503, filed X March 25, 1998. The state of Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a 

continuation/ ⊠ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/047,503, filed March 25, 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application .--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This is a continuation of PCT application No. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this . filed Provisional Application No. Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee. ; Non-Publication Request; Other: Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement SENECI Alessandro Inventor: (first) MI (last) (state/country) Italy Residence: (city) c/o SAVAS S.a.s. di Seneci Alessandro & C., Via Fratelli Cervi-Segrate Residenza del Parco, Mailing Address: Milano, Italy (Zip Code) See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!! Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201. NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor By Atty: Arthur R. Cyawford, Reg. No. 25,327 Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000

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